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APPLICANT RESPONSE TO CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Inventor Nick Nassiri (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") is in receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated September 30, 2006 with respect to the above referenced patent application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant wishes to address each of the Examiner's objections as put forth in the Office Action with respect to the previously presented claims 46-48 and 50-52.

Examiner cites newly discovered prior art: US PN 6, 023, 510 issued to Epstein, in addition to US Publication Number 2002/01291098 (Sykes) and US PN 6,081,899 (Byrd). Applicant further notes that Examiner often cites Gabber prior art in the body of the office response, but fails to specifically list the Gabber prior art for her objections (page 2 Office Action response, paragraph 4) wherein Examiner cites the Sykes application and the Byrd and Epstein patents respectively. Nonetheless, Applicant reiterates its position with respect to Gabber because Examiner refers to Gabber in the body of her arguments. Applicant addresses the Examiner's objections with respect to Sykes, Byrd and Epstein in turn.